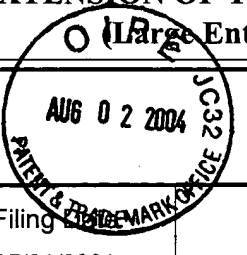


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Docket No.  
4296-144 US

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In Re Application Of:  
**HIRAO et al.**

Application No. <b>09/919,024</b>	Filing Date <b>07/31/2001</b>	Examiner <b>OH, Taylor Victor</b>	Customer No. <b>26817</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1625</b>	Confirmation No. <b>3715</b>
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Invention:  
**METHOD FOR STARTING UP REACTOR**

**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 2, 2004 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month
- Two months
- Three months
- Four months
- Five months

from: June 2, 2004 Date until: August 2, 2004 Date

The fee for the extension of time is **\$420** and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **13-2165**.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **13-2165**.

Signature

Dated: **July 28, 2004**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 07/28/2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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